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SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

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The chief aim in life is to advance to an ever-increasing capacity for happiness, an ever-growing power of expression.

Every human being desires to obtain the most happiness, with the least possible pain. But man cannot escape the laws of nature. There is only one way to fulness of life, to power and happiness, to wisdom and love, and to the realization of all the hopes and yearnings of the human heart. And that way leads us to live in harmony with the law of our being, with the law of nature, and the law of the Supreme Mind. These blend in perfect order.

Man, occupying the highest plane, may come into close relationship with the Supreme Mind and may consciously co-operate in helping forward the life of the world.

It is the law of the Supreme Mind that all men should live in harmony and usefulness, that all men should be active, noble, progressive. The violation of any one of these laws will bring pain. The man who wanders from the appointed path is warned time and again of the dangers ahead. He is warned by pain, by unrest, by fear and failure. The chastening hand of an unseen power is ever pressing against him, urging him to be guided by higher principles, to find the better way. When man lives in harmony with the divine law and is always true to the higher leadings, he will rise superior to unpleasant experiences. He will grow in power to attract *all that he needs* of material things. His body will be free from weakness and pain. His mind will be positive and clear. He will have power to concentrate his mental forces on any plan or undertaking and attract the agencies needed to carry out that plan.

To keep the mind in the right current of thought will endow the body with more strength, more power of endurance and give it more symmetry and beauty. To keep the mind in the right state to attract more and more of the Supreme Force will give ability to realize every desire and demand. When you demand power from the unseen you may rest assured that you will receive the force needed to

accomplish your plan or purpose. The Supreme Power is always at the command of one who places his mind in a childlike attitude to receive. To have faith in the existence of that power as you have faith in the law of gravitation, to co-operate with it and direct it, will give you unlimited capacity. The one who is most successful in life keeps his mind in the attitude of co-operation with the Supreme Power. To keep in touch with the unseen currents of power will give inspiration, courage and insight. You will have faith in the goodness of law. You will know that every

earnest demand will obtain an answer. Every desire of your heart will be gratified. In thought you will never acknowledge an impossibility.

Every failure man makes is caused by severing connection with the source of his strength and inspiration, by trusting to his own limited powers apart from any invisible help or guidance. Man's egotism and ignorance are his greatest foes. The gratification of selfish and ignoble passions deadens his sensibilities. He feels no longer the caress of the unseen hand.

Ignoring the help of the Infinite Power and righteous spirits, he shuts himself off from the source of supplies!

But the race is being taken out of the shadows. The great silent

force of nature is urging to larger growth, inspiring man's mind with new thoughts and greater power. As he advances to higher realms of thought, he is gaining more confidence, more courage. He knows that by keeping his mind receptive to the higher influences there will come a constant inflow of happiness and peace. He knows that by working in harmony with the Supreme Mind his life will be a constant succession of victories.

There are many who have learned to invoke the aid of the Infinite Power. They have faith in themselves because they are sustained by immortal energies. It does not matter to them if things seem uncertain. They may not be able to see the pathway of their future. But they know that it will lead them upward to greater joy, to wider freedom.

SPIRIT MESSAGE

To His Soul-Mate on Earth

Be still, and know that I am God!
The ocean flows into the river, the river
flows into the ocean; that part of the
river nearest the ocean partakes more
abundantly of the essence of the ocean.

I and the Father are one; there is no
separateness. The Father hath knowl-
edge, so hast thou, within thine own
consciousness. Call it forth!

I bathe in eternal bliss. My soul rests
in the great ocean of love. * * *

They know that the eternal and constant law of progress will lead them on. They know they will emerge from the shadow, from every sorrow. They know that the Infinite Light is shining steadfastly in the heavens, and they will be led by its beckoning ray.

You need to have more faith in yourself, faith in the laws of life, faith in the Infinite Power of which your being is an inseparable part. Why lack faith when you see the evidence of truth and justice, of wisdom and love in every star, in the order and beauty of nature, in the golden glow of the sunset?

Looking back over the winding pathway, can you not see how you have been led by an unseen hand, by a faithful power, which called your wandering thoughts back, which turned you from imminent danger, which brought you time and again out of the gloom, which placed your feet on the solid ground and gave you more strength and courage? When we look back and see how often we have been worried, how we have stumbled, how we have been moved by fear and tortured by needless pain, and when we see how at the critical moment, when all seemed lost, the clouds vanished and we beheld the thing we had feared transformed into some blessing, is it not time that we banish doubt and walk in the light of unwavering faith? There is absolutely nothing in the universe to fear. If we recognize our nearness to the Infinite Power, if we respond to the mind's highest leading and walk in the path of truth, we will overcome all things, we will work in harmony with the unfathomable power of the boundless universe, from which will come every blessing which the human heart can desire. We are parts of the Infinite Power, and that power within us is ever carrying us up to higher planes of being, to more perfect expression, and to greater joys.

Man, in his ignorance, is like the bewildered stream blindly groping its way down the steep hillside, turned in its course by every resistance it meets; rushing, retreating and halting, moved by the weak force of an inferior instinct. Some invisible power carries it onward. It knows not the nature of that power. It seems to be carried by an impulse from within. After a time the stream grows wider and deeper, its current less swift. Then it enlarges to the calm, peaceful river which flows steadily and unerringly through the wide valleys on its appointed way to the sea. Likewise man is led onward by the mysterious force of a superior destiny. At first he rushes about impetuously, and murmurs because of the restrictions imposed by the law. But his consciousness grows broader and deeper with the march of the years, and in the clear waters of mind he sees a reflection of some of the great truths of the universe. His visions of the beauty of that inner world of ideas inspire him to a life of noble endeavor.

Humanity as a whole is like the streams and rivers of earth. All men are moving irresistibly onward, carried by some mysterious power they feel, but cannot fathom. Humanity at last will reach the boundless sea, where there will be no discord, no unrealized yearnings, no limitation. Deep down in the still waters all hearts will find peace.

MORAL AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

By Wm. J. Bryan, M.D. (Inspired author)

Any place may be designated as a place for prayer, whether it be in the humble home, the palatial residence, church, workshop, or even in the open air. For the infinite Mind is present *everywhere*, and one may reach the fountain-head of wisdom *anywhere*.

So in considering the subject of prayer and solicitation for continued blessings from on High, he may choose any place that suits his wishes to make the heartfelt desire known.

And there need be no hesitation or reluctance in praying to the Supreme Intelligence, because good is its embodiment, and only goodness.

There seems to be a desire on the part of mortals to dwell on the necessity of material gifts, which are acceptable, but there is a spiritual side of life which cannot be lost sight of, without impairing our usefulness. For it is acknowledged that man cannot live alone on material food, because spiritual food is also necessary for his growth and progress toward high ideals.

When the moral law is transgressed, there is a lack of peace, and it is safe to say that self-punishment is thereby inflicted.

But no lengthy discourse is necessary to prove that wrong-doing always brings its own penalty. Everyone will admit that this, from experience, is self-evident.

Our spirit friends notice all of our mistakes; and in a way, they are grieved to see mortals commit error of morality, and would wish to prevent us from yielding to the lure of temptation. And it causes rejoicing among our spirit ones, when we exercise that strong sentinel of self-control to guide us, safely, past the places of danger and moral destruction.

Thus are we aided by the strong impressions given to us from spirit source, as well as by our own conscience, to never cease from well-doing.

The ardor and consuming fire of impetuosity is not less destructive than the fiery furnace; and to regulate conduct so as to have it conform to the common rules of morality, is always attended with most beneficial results.

So the attainment of progress and advancement is attended with those obstacles that seem to be placed in our pathway to try our patience and to make us more self-reliant. Thus is moral growth made positive and secure.

The time is fast approaching, when a higher degree of spirituality will edify and sanctify many of us, so that we may wonder why there are conditions of misery, poverty, distress, and moral inaptitude to fasten on many the mark of, and objection to, high forms of expressed thought and general ways of enlightenment.

UNFOLDMENT FOR MEDIUMSHIP

"What phase of mediumship can be brought to me?" This question is often asked by students. The decision must be left entirely to God and spirit friends—not to the teacher. Begin by sitting in a public class with a medium-teacher.

First, you must learn the way to ATTRACT the higher forces, then keep at it till you develop some form of mediumship. This rests with the student, as psychic power resides WITHIN each person—not in the teacher as a dispenser.

Development (like in seeds) means power from (WITHIN) one's soul. Each student must water the seed with patience, diligence and prayer, in order to make development blossom into the rose of mediumship.

Some people imagine that a particular form of mediumship can be BROUGHT, at one's bidding, like an order given at a restaurant for some special dish. This cannot be done by any of us mortals.

We must sit in silence at the feet of spirits of enlightenment and of righteousness, and THEY will discover the capabilities (as an instrument) that are resting within us.

Then, by co-operative effort, between student, spirits, and teacher, some satisfactory result will be accomplished in due time. No exact time can be stated, as the teacher cannot control spirits.

Spirit friends are masters of the situation, and are always at hand to help us. But, please remember, that "Heaven helps those who help themselves," by each one doing his duty, BY RELIANCE ON HIS OWN INNER CAPABILITIES—not depending solely on the teacher. The teacher places a lesson in your hands, and it remains for you to diligently study, learn, meditate, concentrate, comprehend—and then to apply the knowledge, yourself.—Miss A. M. Robinson.

WHICH WAY?

By Dr. L. A. Shattuck

God is Spirit, God is Good—
Good in every living thing,
Inspiring man's conscious mind;
To receptives it will bring
Joy and peace beyond cavil;
For conscience is spirit voice,
Warning man against evil,
That goodness may be his choice.

But man's nature is dual,
Oft choosing the baser part
Which leads to sin and cruel
Death; the sodden, stony heart
Becomes immune to God's voice,
And he wallows in quagmires
Of evil, until his choice
Inclines to sinful desires.

If down, man can rise again,
Through will to banish sorrow;
Christ-love will wash out the stain,
And on the happy morrow
He will come forth a new man,
Born again to new spirit;
The still small voice is God's plan
To lead us as I view it.

THE SOLILOQUY OF A SOUL

I was quite sick. The physician said it was dropsy, and he would come tomorrow and remove some of the water. My occupation had been that of a whiskey salesman.

I saw my sympathizing wife and my little children playing around in the house, bow to the physician as he passed out, and then I found I was standing about six feet away, looking at my body. How large I looked and how swelled up.

I heard my wife give a cry, and saw the neighbors coming in and sympathizing.

I saw they were *preparing my body for burial!* No one seemed to see my *spiritual* body, or pay any attention to it. Finally a person came and looked at the body, then another, and another. Some had kind expressions of sympathy.

I followed my body until it was lowered into the grave. No one but my wife seemed to care. They seemed to be glad of the end. I could hear them say, "Think how the woman and children had to suffer!"

In my anger (for I still retained my thoughts and reasoning) I made a sudden leap and was in total darkness.

I went here and there, and nothing but darkness greeted me.

After what seemed to me to be an eternity, I heard these words: "When he was out of work you loaned him ten dollars, until he had work."

I saw a light and went as quickly as I could, but it disappeared.

Still on and on in darkness. I began to pray. I had never thought about it before.

I prayed and cried out until my spirit was faint. I strained my eyes to see and my ears to hear, but heard or saw nothing for a long time—just black despair.

Then I heard, "Well, he paid our rent when we were out of work and all sick."

A bright light dazzled before me. How I wished I had done more good while on earth. Then again darkness until I was enveloped in thick blackness that I could hardly move my soul. How I cried and prayed, "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner," but still darkness and darkness. I began to have a trembling fear come over me, but like the Wandering Jew, I must go on forever. What had I done in the flesh to merit such punishment? Of course, I sold whiskey, but the men all seemed such jolly good fellows. I did not know how they treated their family.

Is there no help for me, no redemption? I prayed, and let me tell you it was the prayer of a lost soul.

Finally my soul sank down in the black darkness in despair. Was this all? Why didn't I find out before I left the body.

The good people had tried to talk to me, but I laughed and scoffed, and answered them, saying, "There is no God; all this came by chance."

After a long time I saw a spirit approaching with a very faint light. To me it was more dazzling than the sun when I was on earth.

I said unto him, "Where am I?" He answered, "This is purgatory; the place you suffer the punishment you caused while on earth in the body." After awhile I saw another spirit with its dim light approach, and then another and another.

They told me I was rising higher and higher, so I began to pray incessantly and continually that my sins be forgiven me.

Finally the pain and misery in my soul disappeared, and I had a dim light within myself, and by continually praying I found I was quite a bright light and could see earth children again.

I found a bright spirit who said I could go with him, to his medium, and we two wandered back to earth again. The medium was a man of my own build while I was on earth.

He told me he would do what he could for me, to find my wife and little children. I remembered the name of the town I lived in while on earth. I had been so crushed in spirit that I had been reduced to one idea—forgiveness. After a long time I remembered my wife's address and name.

The medium said he would hunt them up. He did. Then finding a very strong spirit we started on a bright moonlight night to see my wife and children. I did so want to see them. In due time we reached the house and entered. My wife was sitting in the rocking chair, but oh, how old! I left her a woman of perhaps 28 or 30, and found her over 60, hair white. How I wanted to make her understand and see and hear me. If she could only know the longing, the heart hunger, but she saw nothing, realized nothing. My little boy was a man grown. I looked upon him in astonishment.

How much he looked like I used to, but thank God, he did not follow the same occupation. And what was a little girl was a woman grown. She looked like her mother did when we were married.

I was so discouraged and despondent. My spirit guide said we had better go away and come back some other time. I wanted to stay, but he said no; we would return some other time. Stopping at the medium, we told him of my disappointment. He said he would send a strong force there to change things.

In due time I was permitted to return, but how changed. I saw spiritual papers. Then I heard them say, "I wonder do spirits really return?" But I was not permitted to stay. I went back again and they were having table raps.

I was allowed to rap and began to hold communications with my loved ones. The happiness of a welcome home. I told them about some of my sufferings, but not all, and I can gladly say that when my dear wife's spirit left her body, I was there, and we two sailed away together into realms of endless light and happiness.

"There is joy among the angels when a wanderer home returns."

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[The above experience was given me, one night, as I sat beside the sick-bed of my husband. I seemed to be the soul itself, and suffered all it did, but not so long.—Medium.]

From Mrs. K. E. Morrell,
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THE OLD AND THE NEW

THE OLD ASKS—

Are you prepared, my friend, to die,
And will your soul ascend on high,
To dwell in everlasting peace,
Where all life's sorrows surely cease?
Are you assured eternity
Will find you waiting, readily
To join an angel band?
Are you prepared to meet your God,
When your clay lay beneath the sod?
Are you quite sure you'll dwell on high?
Are you prepared, my friend, to die?

THE NEW ASKS—

Have you, my friend, learned how to live,
And do you always kindness give?
Do you, from spirit Force receive,
And in all natures God believe?
Do you know that eternity
Is now a blessed reality?
That every day and every hour
Is filled with blessed spirit power?
If you have learned just how to live,
You'll be prepared to die;
And Heaven will meet you here half way,
As well as there, on high.
To die right we must first live right;
For to die is to live anew!
And the Heaven you make is the Heaven you take
In the world just beyond, with you.
The "rest" will be a reality
(Not a harp and a lull of song),
But a work of love, in the realm above,
To help mankind along.

Ada Trugen,
Hamilton, Canada.

LETTER FROM MARTINSVILLE, INDIANA

Editor of "Advanced Thought":

I wish to congratulate you for the splendid issue of your magazine just received.

It was the best one I ever read. I was especially interested in reading W. E. McBride's article from Indian Springs, Indiana. The Mrs. Leida Gomia (medium) that he refers to, formerly lived in this city. She now lives at No. 22 South Western Avenue, Dayton, Ohio.

While she and her husband lived in this city, I attended over one hundred and fifty of her trumpet seances.

Mrs. Gomia is a wonderful trumpet medium. In fact, she is the best I ever saw, and I have been a spiritualist for almost 30 years, and have attended hundreds of seances during that time. I have heard thousands of messages from our spirit friends, all the way from General Washington down to our present time.

Our orthodox friends "knock" us and call us "Crazy!" They remind me of a mule I once owned. He would kick at me with both feet every chance he got, but I never got angry at him, for I knew that was his nature, and then I used to be a mule (a two-legged one), and did a lot of kicking myself.

Spiritualism opens a man's eyes so that he can see, hear and understand spiritual things.

Now I do not know if you care to publish this "write up" or not, but among the thousands of messages that I have heard from those in spirit life, through the mediumship of many mediums, I would like to relate one that I heard from "Jesse James," the bank robber of years ago, and from what he told us it was the only chance that he ever had since being in spirit life. When he announced his name, I said to the others who were at the (dark) seance, "Hello, here is Jesse James, everybody keep their hands on their pocket-books."

"Oh," said he, "please do not call me a thief. I was a robber, but I was never a thief. I robbed the rich and gave to the poor, and I would do it again if I could!"

A lady in the circle then said to him, "Mr. James." "Don't Mr. me," said he; "just call me Jesse, for no one is addressed as 'Mr.' on this side of life."

"Well," said the lady, "Jesse, do not think that it is right to rob even the rich in this material world."

"No," said he, "It is not exactly right, but I saw so much suffering among the poor and also saw how the rich obtained their wealth, and I did not feel condemned for robbing them and giving to the poor. I gave thousands of dollars to the poor, and I never boasted of what I did."

Just at this time an old uncle of mine who has been in spirit life for a number of years, and very often comes and talks to me at seances, spoke to me through another trumpet, and said, "Al, this man who is talking to you is not as black as the majority of the business men who are in business in your city of Martinsville."

I then said to Jesse James, "Well, Jesse, please excuse me for what I said when you first announced your name to us."

"Oh, said he, "that is all right, for I can see that you hold no bad thoughts against me."

He gave us a most wonderful talk, and just before he stopped talking he said to the medium, who is Mrs. Leida Gomia, now of Dayton, Ohio, "Mrs. Gomia, I want to thank you for letting me use your mediumship here to-night. I have tried time and time again at different seances to talk to those still in the material, but just as soon as I announced my name, the medium would "cut me off," and would not let

me use the forces for fear it would bring discredit upon their mediumship. You are the first one that has ever permitted me to talk. God will reward you for this, for He is no respecter of persons."

"Thank you," said Mrs. Gomla, "I do not wish to 'cut anyone out'; that is trying as you are to progress out of their earth conditions."

Now, in conclusion, I will say, if any of our orthodox friends should read this, and wish to do any more kicking, just let them blaze away, and see if I care!

Respectfully,

A. G. Hobson,
Martinville, Ind.

AN ASTRAL TRAVEL TOWARD THE SUN

One morning after being very sick all night I was resting when one of my spirit guides appeared and said, "I will take you out on a pleasant trip." It seemed that the body was resting, but at once I seemed to leave the body, floating upward until, myself and guide, were under the sun. The sun looked as though it were a ball of fire, with dark clouds moving around it.

Then the spirit spoke very plainly, saying, "This is the sun. I am a spirit incapable of taking you any higher. We will return." We slowly descended until I re-entered the body, but very weak and was in danger of so-called death.

When I became passive, a strange feeling came over me like a sinking sensation, and seemed as though the breath was leaving the body, and appeared as though the inner substance was leaving the body. When partly awakened, coming back to myself, my own spirit was standing by my bedside looking rather discontented with sunken eyes, face turned slightly toward the body, with tears in its eyes. It would look upward as if desiring to leave the worn-out sick body forever for fully five hours. I did not dare to become passive, as the same condition was liable to re-occur.

My spirit guides, during the whole time, would be saying, "Stay awake!" "Danger of death!"

The above is proof of the spirit becoming tired of the struggles of life with a desire to be free from all earthly conditions.

I have gone through many dark, gloomy nights, trying to hold life in the body so as to see my only son who was many miles from me.

When I became spiritually developed, seeing my life spared in answer to my request to the higher powers for that purpose, no doubt others received the same blessing by asking the higher powers for it.

Rev. Mary E. Anderson,
San Leon, Texas.

INVOCATION

Unto Thee, O Mighty Presence of love, give us Thy benediction of peace unto our souls. We struggle in our weakness, praying for strength, that we may wield the sceptre of truth. Anointed of Thine own hand, we try to do Thy bidding to bring the light to earth's children. We realize Thy power in Thy divine inspiration. Thy teachings are divine. We know Thou art our guiding hope of the resurrection of life. We come to Thee as Thy children, seeking to find the immortal dwelling of life. We come before Thee as we are asking to be cleansed of all imperfections that we may be perfected in Thee and Thy ministration of divine works. Struggling to give the light, with but little hope,

and we are faithful to Thy word. Reach out Thy hand in mercy's name that we may be strengthened for the time to come. To all Thy blessings give. Open the doorway of light to all, and in Thy name, spread Thy mantle of charity and love over all. Bless Thy church in the manifold of earth's material that the seed of good may become near to us in the strength of heaven's ordained mission of truth. We are Thine and with Thy love and blessing we may work to the good evermore. Amen.

DISCOURSE AND PROPHECY

Today we stand as a people upon the verge of great changes, religious, social, and political. We are under a cloud of a great revolution. The wave and influx of spirit power is predominant and the power of conflicting elements govern the souls of men today. The great move of the earth's peopled existence reigns supreme. In the power of selfishness, grasping of the material considerations, and like unto the tables of the money changers in the house of prayer is the time now. The great power of greed and gain rule the land. The power-of-earth is a fascinating design for all that begets of ease and luxury upon the earthland. People are in the meshes of "His Satanic Majesty," little realizing the momentous period near at hand, when the power of spirit will invade the innermost recesses of the land. The question of all important measures affecting the lives of the many in its direful oppression must be settled and a will for the good of humanity must come forth to the equalizing force for the nation's good.

Men must be brothers of one common law, reared under the banner of freedom for all! Politico-economic measures must be met, and the equalization of rights must be brought to bear under the radiance and power of the Holy Divine Light. The power of church and state must come to the understanding of a more equal regard for Truth. The errors and fanaticisms of oppression will have to go unto its own and leave the children of the earthland free. The power of evil is weakening under the leavening force of light. We stand upon the platform of the balancing power of the word, conveying to you the power of spirit that humanity may see the Divine Word in the Light of its true meaning.

This decade of time opens the way to the light of God's power, wherein the children of the earth have been led in the darkness, and gazing from the life of spirit we realize the cries of the millions of souls for the ratification of justice in the demands for freedom from the thralldom of the law of man in its condition of power, making them slaves to the ruling of the laws extant. Slaves are the souls of want; the natural rights of Soul's freedom are cramped in the darkened day of power. The rights of freedom belong to all; and under the banner of life and education, to the good of all things the established truth in the understanding can come.

Social and economic measures are starting the way for freedom, that a different reign of religious and political freedom may prevail. The day of an awakening source of revelation is to be given.

We stand upon the platform of equal rights for all, and to the understanding that the world of humanity must awaken to the power of the spirit, and build for us a Temple of good for humanity's sake, that the fulfilling word of Truth under the mission of teaching as given through the source of divine inspiration may awaken the

people to a realization of the power of Jesus, the martyred one of sacrifice for the truths belonging to humanity's good.

The welfare of the nations and its peopled consideration belong to the common good, for all. There are *no elect*, but God's own in the light of a purified life, and the martyrs for truth's elevation belongs to the kingdom of Heaven in the spheres of light. God and his mighty power of love's elements brings to bear today the power of truth, not in its sense of the physical, but in the spiritual source of life's power and deliverance. You are to grow to the understanding of the law, maintaining life's power to the sustenance of the soul and spirit.

In the divinity of the power of *self* the ministrations of the coming age will prove the power of good from the *debris of the evil we weave the web of life* in and unto the chain of the golden future, when all lives live to the realm of good and as freeborn souls of the spirit power.

The power of greed and gain, the avarice of grasping all to the sacrifice of mortal life is a *blackened power* of its own destruction. The time for a consideration of the souls of men in the advent of this cycle of time is forming the power of great thought in the minds of men. The radiant power of the light of the resurrection beams forth. The heavens will open the illuminating source of the time to come. The cries of tortured souls for the light of freedom is the signal to *ignite the flaming powers of all for justice and right*. The center of your spirit forces will come in your midst, and the awakening power of the just and the unjust will come to the retributive period, and while the day is long the power of Light will prevail and bring the peace *sought for*, to you.

We stand today looking over this vast and momentous period, wishing to impress you with the outlook of a condition brought about by the leading powers of your earthland, that live not to the good, but to the power of evil, which dwells not in the kingdom of Heaven. Heaven means the place where all is peace and love.

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EXHORTATION

O, that the souls of men could see today,
And prepare their soul for the better way!
God is love, and to do good to all
That you may be free souls . . . not to fall
In the meshes of the war and conflict
Which awaits the soul of avarice and discontent.
The coming day is dark ere the dawn of Light appears,
Bewailing, and little comfort will come from the tears
Of those gifted to see.

Yet a word of warning comes to thee,
That thou art a soul and can do your part
To help in this trying time so close to your heart.
Unfold the spirit to help bring peace to the sad condition,
For you stand today pre-eminent as a nation,
And the center of power is here within your land.
If to unite in one common brotherhood a strong band
Would then be your power to wield the sceptre of truth
And bring the children of earth unto the power of good,
That all things may be *righted while here*, and be understood.

The heroes of sacrifice greet you today
That you may help to lift the power of darkness to the living way;

The spirits of WASHINGTON, LINCOLN, JACKSON, JEFFERSON,
join with the son of man

To help the call now given for the *sons of men*.
United you stand, divided you fall.

Listen to the voices of whom you call,
That the way may be opened to see
That all may be filled with love and to be free.

Salvation comes through your acts, words and deeds
In this trying hour, *we spirit helpers come* in the hour of need,

That you may realize the cloud of which is over you here.
The voices of loved ones unite with us to help the way to clear.

God and His laws are immutable, no wavering light obscures

The pathway of His goodness bright.

Yet do you have faith to believe?

God's law and love is yours; *He will not deceive*.

Join together hand in hand!

Rejoice at the coming of the angel band,

Who will build the Temple of Light,

Where all power is of good to the soul's delight!

* * *

The dawning day will in time make all right.

Yet be wary, and ever true,

For the spirits of the just speak to you.

—Given through the hand of

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SPIRIT FRIENDS BEYOND THE BORDER

By J. W. Tumpaugh

(Set to music and for sale by Music Sales Co., St. Louis, Mo.)

Spirit friends beyond the border,
Kindly lead us to the light;
Tell us of the friends gone over
To that home forever bright;
We are toiling, ever striving,
Hope in time to reach the goal,
Over there beyond the border,
Where there's rest for every soul.

Spirit friends, we sadly mourn you,
Since you left this early plane;
While we knew you still were living,
Knowing to our loss, your gain;
Though you dwell beyond the border,
Over there in summer land,
Join us here and bring us tidings
Tidings from that Astral Band.

Though the silver cord be loosened,
And the broken bowl shall lie,
With the piltcher at the Fountain
Yet we'll meet you by and by;
Over there across the river,
When this toil and strife shall cease,
There with God who gave the Spirit,
We will live and rest in peace.

BOOK REVIEW

New book called: OCCULT DIARY, price \$2.50; sold by H. Madson (distributing agent), 154 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, Ill. This wonderful book of six hundred pages contains innumerable messages of wisdom from the spirit side of life. Every student, medium or investigator of Spiritualism should read and study this book. Some scoffers who make false claim that "all spirit messages are trivial," would be astonished at the wisdom, love, truth and literary merit of this book of spiritual knowledge. It's great!

[This book may be ordered from Robinson Publishing Co., Valhalla, N. Y. By mail, \$2.50]

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Another new book is called: PESKY PROBLEMS FOR POSITIVE PREACHERS, price One Dollar; sold by its author, James McGregor Beatty, 245 North Hope, Los Angeles, California. A very interesting and argumentative book of seven chapters, advocating the claims of Spiritualism. Every Christian churchman should read the chapter in this book called: SPIRITUALISM IS NOT OF THE DEVIL. In fact, every churchman should read spiritualist literature, hearing *both sides*, and thus broaden the mind unto a liberal, impartial view, concerning the claims of Spiritualism. It's the truth!

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BOOK COMPOSED IN HEAVEN

Only a short generation ago our literary era was invested with such richness of thought, such creative intellectual activity, such marked political, scientific and theological changes; they were so rich in poetry, in criticism, in the singularly vivid and *impressive ethics of Carlyle* and of Emerson; in great romance; in epoch-making researches in archeological discovery; in a very transforming influence of life that swept the great currents of progress onward, that a youth sensitive to all these impressions and influences could not but discern the new relativities of life.

The names of the great thinkers and creators of thought throng upon us. There were Darwin, Huxley, Tyndall, Herbert Spencer; there were Mill, Comte, Romanes, Jowett, CARLYLE, Ruskin, Matthew Arnold, George Eliot, Tennyson, Browning, Mrs. Browning, Mrs. Somerville, Pater and the witty Mallock whose first recognition dates in the latter 70's. There was Dean Stanley and Archbishop Tait.

It was a world filled with the glow of intellectual stimulus, to which the talented and the ambitious responded.

And the one name most prominent (because the most aspiring) was none other than our beloved THOMAS CARLYLE, whose thirty volumes of recognized merit are to be found in every public library, and also in every good private library at the present time. The eminent author, Thomas Carlyle, is now a *spirit* in the spirit-world, but is still a literary man. As proof of the activity of Thomas Carlyle, his new book called: WHAT SPIRITUALISM REALLY IS, just as it was dictated to DR. WM. J. BRYAN, on earth, is now published and for sale by the Alberta Publishing Co., New York City.

Readers will notice the advertisement of this spirit book at the back of this magazine.

So it is true that *a book can be composed in heaven, dictated word by word to a medium and then printed and published on earth!*

TALKING WITH MARS

By Dr. L. A. Shattuck

Glimmer, glimmer, heavenly star,
Off in distance so very far;
We must converse by flashing code,
There seems no other wireless mode,

Unless we can anticipate
Some other way to penetrate
The airless space beyond our waves,
For which the scientist doth crave.

So right here we'll propound to Mars,
Nearest of planetary stars,
If imagination hath wrought
Some method of transmitting thought:

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ANSWER

Mars is a planet like your earth,
A universal God gave birth,
With similar system within space,
But evolves a different race.

In stature we are much smaller,
But with propelling minds stronger,
Able to project waves of thought
Which corresponding minds have caught.

Now in the Divine creation,
Like alchemists' transmutation,
Composite bodies are refined
From dross, and naught is left but mind.

This transmutation taking place,
From sphere to sphere of human race,
In last analysis we'll find,
We're like unto the Divine mind.

Capable of projecting thought
In wireless waves, which may be caught
By minds attuned in proper key;
No other way is found to be.

While on the question, you propound
Another query more profound:
Is not Mars, similar to Earth,
Rejoicing at a Saviour's birth?

Was not He of the sons of God,
Found fittest to expound his word?
Only son, perfection needed
For sacrifice, laws unheeded.

Think not that His all-saving grace
Is only for the Earthly race;
The *universal* human thought,
Is constantly with sin distraught.

I AM made whole, perfect, strong, vigorous, powerful, and
courageous—through God's wonderful working powers.

I AM also kind, loving, true, harmonious and happy.

ADVANCED THOUGHT

AND DIVINE SCIENCE

ROBINSON PUBLISHING CO.,
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Subscription—One Dollar per year

OUR MAGAZINE

Copies of this magazine are now being used by students of *advanced psychology*—which is *Spiritualism*. First, they learn to be quiet and receptive, sitting twice a week in the silence at home, so as to attract spirit relatives and friends. Students read and study the articles of each magazine, during spare time.

The articles in this magazine are chiefly *inspired writings*, which means that enlightened and righteous spirits really are the authors of the articles. Knowledge and wisdom are therefore sent to readers from the spirit side of life.

Mediums who hold classes and meetings now find it a good plan to sell copies of *Advanced Thought and Divine Science* magazines at each meeting. Wholesale price is only five cents per copy—retail price ten cents. How many copies shall we send you?

SPIRIT WRITINGS

This magazine belongs to its readers. *Inspired original writings will be gladly received from every reader of this magazine.*

The editor is aware of the fact that there are many private mediums—those who have never done work in public—who have received writings from the spirit side of life. Some of these spirit writings are lying in the bottom of trunks, some filed away and some are nicely typewritten and ready for the printer.

Now, FRIENDS, GET OUT YOUR WRITINGS and mail them to us, to be printed in this magazine!

Do not keep your manuscript hidden, but bring it forth, and let it radiate its wisdom, love and truth to others who are less fortunate.

Some writers, who have received their dictation from eminent spirits, have enough to fill a book. Yet they have never given their writings a chance.

Send your writings to us. No longer shall you "hide your light under a bushel!"

DIVINE SCIENCE

A young man or woman who starts out in active life before the present-day people, is greatly admired, when he or she has a determination to build up *character* instead of accumulating worldly possessions.

This is what Miss Robinson decided to do. One result is the publication of this magazine called: *Advanced Thought and Divine Science*. Another mark of effort is her new book called: *Divine Science*.

This book is helping others, just as she was helped in developing her psychical ability to receive messages and writings from spirit-land.

DIVINE SCIENCE is a wonderful aid to all—even to mediums—who seek greater power and unfoldment.

(See advertisement in another column of this magazine.)

THE SPIRITUAL MAGAZINE

Multum In Parvo—Much in Little

Every subscriber to this *Advanced Thought and Divine Science Magazine* is entitled to a daily healing treatment through the Healing Centre—by spirits, with divine power.

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This magazine teaches a religious interpretation of religion; a philosophic interpretation of philosophy; a scientific interpretation of science; a divine healing, through spirits, and mediums; a common-sense interpretation of everything which makes life livable here and hereafter.

Nothing like it anywhere.

Not better—not worse—but different.

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This magazine is non-sectarian, interfering with no one's religious affiliations, and we minister to all the children of men, regardless of color, race or creed. Fundamentally we believe that "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

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—Last but not least—

Our increasing subscription list, the testimonials, and the words of praise and appreciation all bear witness to the fact that this magazine is filling a great need.

Please mail copies of this magazine to your friends, now!

TO ACTIVE WORKERS

May the messenger of love reach every heart! May they tell the glad tidings to others! I know that we really do live after the mortal body is laid away into Mother Earth. Let us help each other by spreading the news. This magazine is the one for you to circulate, by ordering a number for your society, church, developing class or for friends. Write for terms in bundle lots.

HOW TO UNFOLD YOUR PSYCHIC ABILITY

Many people have a wish to study *Spiritualism* and to discover its truth. Others want to see spirits, and desire to talk with their spirit relatives and friends. Some long to become spirit mediums, for public work or for *mediumship in the home*.

All students should give prayerful and earnest attention to their spiritual development, through concentration.

Great help for students is to be found in the new book called "*DIVINE SCIENCE*," by Miss A. M. Robinson.

At the end of this valuable book of spiritualist writings is to be found a number of *LESSONS FOR STUDENTS*. Each lesson should be studied earnestly, in sincere concentration, for a month before taking up the next lesson.

Spirit mediums everywhere are using this book in order to develop *psychic ability* and mediumship in their classes of students. With this book, through prayer and concentration, *RAPID RESULTS* are obtained by students of spirit phenomena.

See advertisement of this book called *DIVINE SCIENCE*, in the advertising columns of this magazine.

EVERYBODY TO BE A MEDIUM BY AND BY

(From *The World*, N. Y. City)

The General Assembly of Spiritualists of the State of New York met for the session of its regular annual convention at the Waldorf. According to the announcement issued, thousands of the members of the Spiritualist Church were scheduled to be present by proxy.

Frederick W. Constantine of Buffalo, Secretary of the General Assembly, said in an interview that such rapid progress has been made in the last year in spiritualistic communication that it is only a matter of a comparatively short time when practically the entire population of the earth will be mediumistic.

As a result, he said, the world will have the benefit of the counselling of such men as Abraham Lincoln, Washington, Napoleon Bonaparte, Julius Caesar, Solon, Robert Ingersoll and Theodore Roosevelt.

When this comes to pass, according to Mr. Constantine, there will be no more wars, no more crime, no more poverty.

President J. M. Streckenreiter in a speech traced the growth of Spiritualism in the last twenty-five years. He said new mediums are being developed in circles and classes and in "our modern schools for prophets" or in the privacy of their own homes. He then predicted as follows:

"I presume that this development of human instrumentality of the spirit will continue until the time shall come when every man and woman shall at least to some degree see or hear spirits or sense their presence, and some member of every family shall be the medium for the family.

"Spiritualism has nothing to fear except from those within our own ranks," he said in conclusion. "Our enemies have about done their worst without affecting Spiritualism any further than possibly delaying its general acceptance for a little time. But Spiritualism, being based on eternal truths and natural laws, has time all on its side."

The Secretary reported an increase of 55 per cent in Spiritualist churches in this State, and 50 per cent increase in membership.

HOW TO REACH THE SILENCE

By C. A. Covelle

Going into the silence is simply changing our state of consciousness. It is just letting go of one state of being and passing into and functioning in another condition of consciousness. To go into the silence is to withdraw from the dimmer currents of the common mind and to pass into connection with the stillness of the super-conscious mind. In the beginning the student needs to be much alone. He should have a time and place in which to practice his exercises. The first thing is to take a comfortable position either sitting, standing or reclining, as best pleases him. He should then choose the attribute which he wishes to develop and take from ten to fifteen minutes to meditate on it. He should think of it in all its details, just what possession of it would mean to him. He should form the mental attitude of interior possession. If the object of health is chosen he should see himself just as he would like to be; no matter what is chosen, he should always see the perfect interior expression of it. He should never build anything but a perfect image, and feel that he is capable of materializing it. The next step is the inbreathing of long deep breaths, and at every breath he should feel

and know that he is really drawing to himself from an inexhaustible supply. Everything he desires; he really is for every material as well as every spiritual element exists primarily as force in universal energy, and is capable of being attracted into specially developed auras, and these lifted aloft into form. After the student has meditated and established a rhythmical breathing, he should feel that it is finished, and then proceed to pass himself into the great creative silence where the thing he creates can become vitalized with an indestructible energy. Many teachers never speak of any higher plane than the one of thinking and affirming. Thinking and affirmations are paths to power, but they are the paths by which those go who have not yet found the doorway to absolute expression. The last step is to withdraw the mind from the external world, relax and live in the full consciousness of power. This is accomplished by assuming a listening attitude. Get quiet, more quiet, and then still more quiet. Listen; be calm, and listen. This is the way to the center of being. Listen so deeply that you can hear your own heart beat. When you can hear the beating, or even feel fully the vibrations of your blood pulsing through your heart, you have come close to the universal rhythm, and are awake in the super-consciousness of your own mind, and are ready to make the great creative cosmic union. In this atmosphere we create by just the act of recognition. We know that we are. This is not thought force; it is pure revelation. We retain this consciousness of infinite union until every fibre of our whole selves passes from the state of becoming a being. Then, we have finished our silence for that time and can retain and take up the common consciousness of our daily life, and we find ourselves strong, vibrant, and with a new power which we secured in this new state of spiritual chemicalization. The next step is to hold fast to what you have acquired, and the work is done.—*Banner of Life*.

THE TEACHINGS OF SPIRITUALISM

Ques.—Who are called Spiritualists?

Ans.—Those who accept the fact that departed spirits can and do communicate with mortals.

Ques.—Who are Spiritualists in the truest sense of the term?

Ans.—Only those who strive to live true spiritual lives, in accordance with the principles of right and justice.

Ques.—Have the Spiritualists a creed?

Ans.—Not in the sense of a religious dogma, binding upon all. The National Spiritualists' Association has a Declaration of Principles.

Ques.—What is its most important statement?

Ans.—"We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death."

Ques.—What are the teachings of Spiritualism?

Ans.—There is no death. Continued life beyond the grave. Personal responsibility. Endless progression.

Ques.—Upon what does our happiness in spirit life depend?

Ans.—Upon our life here and the preparation we make for it.

Ques.—What else does Spiritualism teach?

Ans.—Communication between the mortal and spirit world.

Ques.—How is that proven?

Ans.—By the testimony of men and women who have received indisputable evidence of the fact.

SPIRIT MESSAGES

THE DESTINY OF MAN

A HELPFUL MESSAGE FROM THE BEYOND

All ages have been interested in the destiny of man. From Adam (figuratively speaking) down to the present day, sages and saints have asked the question, "What of Man?"

Wars have been fought, nations bled, and empires crumbled that one man might lead—but where after this life is over? What avail if one gave his life for the blessings of mankind? What if one does live for self alone? All these questions have burned in the brain of man, and some say have never been satisfactorily answered. But, Christ said, "If one arose from the dead and told them, they would not believe." And so say I, but a few will hear and understand, and to that few I write.

I, Moses Shull, in the full vigor of manhood, passed into spirit life, when all the earth looked bright and life seemed worth the living; but transient was the dream, for over here I found that what I held highest in earth life was only a shadow of the life to come, and I want to here relate some of my experiences.

Just as I stepped across the river (for river death seemed to me) I was met by a bright band of children and I said, "Whither goest, little ones?" and they said, "To welcome you to your new home." And I said, "Why, is this the way they welcome people here?" (For I had always been led to believe the first thing done after passing to the other side was to be led up a golden street, if so fortunate as to be going that way), and to make our appearance with bowed head and quaking heart before the great White Throne, and to be told of all our misdeeds in our lives, and to be covered with confusion when you were told of your shortcomings.

But, here I was being welcomed by the children, and they led me onward to a beautiful villa, and I asked, "Whither, now?" and they said, "To see the queen of song," and behold! I saw my own dear mother, radiant with health and beauty, ready to give me a kiss of welcome. And this was her surprise for me on my landing.

We had ever been companions on earth, until she was called home by her angel band, and I had never ceased to mourn her. The one good place in my heart was dedicated to my mother, and so I found her awaiting my coming with the gladness of a little child; and those little ones were her charges that she was training in the Royal Road, and they had helped her to give me my surprise.

Now, I found instead of waving palm branches and singing psalms, I was to go to work and help my mother educate those little ones, and I must say it was a relief to me to find that I was to be thus occupied, for to tell the truth I never had liked the idea of the palms anyway.

Well, I worked there until I found I was being prepared for another field of usefulness, that this was only getting me accustomed to the new idea of things; so, now, my work is the regeneration of man.

In every man I find something of the child, and when I have found that I go to work from that point and nearly every time I succeed in reclaiming him. It is a great work, one any man may be proud of doing. I for one rejoice in the new idea of Heaven being a place of usefulness instead of stagnation.

I want to tell you that everyone that comes here stands on his own feet; and that there is no hiding behind anyone. You must take your own medicine and you cannot put the blame on anyone else; but, after a while you begin to feel that that is the only way, and if you have one ounce of progression you need not stay down long, for you will find plenty to help you; and that is another thing that is different from earth, for there you find plenty to kick you down and few to lend a helping hand upwards.

We have some laughable scenes here. The amazement of some people is ludicrous in the extreme. They begin to look for their golden crown, when instead in many cases they receive a ragged jacket; others more humble, content with their lot, are led to beautiful mansions that they have built by their own unselfishness. And, so on it goes, year after year, and never two cases exactly alike, so it is interesting, laughable, and sometimes, alas! most pitiful, but back of pity there is the knowledge that it need not always last. It depends on themselves if they stay in their disconsolate state.

Now, my friends, for fear of tiring you, I will close, with well wishes for your journey home. I am,

Yours truly,

(Spirit) Moses A. Shull.

The above message was received through the mediumship of Mrs. Kaiser, Kansas.

[I received the following message through the mediumship of Mrs. Kaiser of Kansas, from a spirit, never manifesting through her before.

It shows the spirit's appreciation of the work done by mortals in trying to introduce the truth of spirit return.

Sincerely,

Geo. B. Moore.]

"Now I beseech you brethren that ye be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in good works."—Paul, the Apostle.

And as Paul the apostle wrote unto his brethren, I write unto you. I have seen you in your struggle, and I honor you for the fight you have made.

If all the world was as constant as you, our cause would not languish, but we would be leading the world upward and onward. Oh! why will not men listen to us? Why will they turn away and smile when we are mentioned? They professed to love us on earth. Why do they scorn us now? Do they have to behold us with the material eye before they can believe in us? Must they feel us with their polluted hands, and, as Thomas did of old, place their palms into our wounds before believing?

And then when one does help them from the spirit world, they deny us, knowing in their hearts they lie.

What can you think of such a one that will deny their protectors?

How do you suppose we feel when we hear ourselves lightly spoken of, when we are trying to demonstrate the greatest living truth?

I can only say that we get discouraged sometimes ourselves, as well as mortals; but when we see one like the one by your side, it gives us new desires and power to carry on our work, so I want to thank you for your encouragement and to tell you to go on in the good work and we will help you.

A strong band on our side and constant workers on your side, must, eventually, be a great power for good and advancement.

I am neither a great scholar or a great writer, but I do think I am an earnest worker, and thought I could be of some help to you and had a right to enter your circle, for I know only those who are in earnest are welcome.

I thank you for allowing me to enter and will bid you a good-night and God bless you.

Your friend,

(Spirit) Alice Wareham.

In the days of long ago the children of earth were not wise, but they dreamed of higher divine things than they knew. The eye within, groped mid the shadows for the light. Their descents into matter so dense, yet dimly suggestive of the change aroused within their aspirations—hope. As the wheels of time revolve, glimmerings of some brighter existence were theirs. Dimly as yet is the light visible even to the few in whom the self has been somewhat lessened. Be not disheartened; ye who are workers amid the shadows, as ye toil up the heights towards the light, though ye know it not, thinner grows the veil which obscures the light of truth from your straining eyes; while in the material your work still lies, these shadows must vary, now glooming, now lighting the way. As your paths traverse the ways of your fellow pilgrims your shadows will fall athwart each other; but as ye extend a helping hand each to the other, so shall ye walk more in the light. The mingling and deepening of the shadows, should bring sympathy for each other; and by the power of that sympathy, shall love expand and warm your hearts toward one another. On the pinions of love shall ye be borne upwards into brighter light, and the path of duty be all joy and peace as ye journey towards the home.

Be true then to the prompting of the silence; as ye sit and meditate upon the ways of wisdom a voice from the silence shall comfort you, shall soothe the disquieted soul in its longing for peace, for kindred souls. Thus shall ye journey in safety, and the echo of your quiet footsteps shall sound along the onward ways of time, and ye shall leave a trail of light as ye pass on, to guide the weary ones who come after you; so shall your mission be doubly filled, and in the to-be's shall you be gladdened by the knowledge. Weary not then in the earth-paths, but lift up your heads that the sunlight of wisdom from the Halls of Light beam upon and brighten the way for self and others.

Those who watch over you, would fain guard you, but they may not take your work upon themselves, because of Truth and Justice is born Wisdom.

Be assured there is naught that gives joy to one soul
Omitted or lost, in God's infinite whole;
Not one just desire, cherished wish or fond hope,
But awaits our acceptance in days yet remote.

(Spirit) Greco.

Notwithstanding our endeavors to help you; we seem weak and helpless on account of the manifold obstacles placed in the path of our progress, but we will eventually succeed in removing every obstacle that lies in our path and the road to progress will widen until multitudes shall walk therein. The nature of the obstruction you know very well. Hindrances will come to the best laid plans and ours can be no exception, so we cheerfully bend to a higher law and await the coming with a light heart; for we know all things come to those who wait, and in waiting we will be only the better prepared to fight our battles.

The victory is not always to the strong, nor the race to be won by the swift of foot; but to the diligent plodder who never hesitates or turns aside, but with his eye on the goal, and determination in his heart never gives up, though the storms may beat around and he be buffeted on every side, yet he keeps to his purpose and at last wins the goal. You need not think your discouragement effects us in the least; but we sympathize with you, knowing your blindness to the things that are made plain to us. Therefore keep on and we will help you and your desires shall be satisfied and you will find the pearl of great price hidden within your own hearts.

Now my children, I will leave you with my richest blessings upon you and may the Lord keep and sustain you, is the prayer of

Your friend,

(Spirit) Henry W. Longfellow.

COULD WE BUT SEE

If all our loved ones gone before,
Across the crystal river;
Can know our heart-breaks and our woe,
Would they leave us forever?

You need not wail your long gone friend,
You have not lost, but found him;
Within the Haven of his rest,
Our loved ones all around him.

Could we but see the glad surprise
When first the vision opened,
Our tears would be of happiness,
Our grief would be unspoken.

SPIRIT MESSAGES

My work here is a counterpart of what I did on earth. I have a lovely home, am surrounded by loving friends, and you may be sure that those nearest and dearest on earth, are our companions here; but of that I will tell you later.

When of earth, I loved to roam the woodland when the trees were putting forth their tender leaves; tis then we see nature in her pleasant mood. Smiling at all around. How glad the lark, as he soars in the sky; with a joyous note to his mate, he is off with the wind—carolling his roundelay with not a thought of care. The wren and the robin, and the saucy bluejay, are industriously working to complete the homes for the coming broods, while the mother bird is hopping about giving words of advice for all the world like the busy housewife.

The caterpillar, the ant, and the bee, all plying their trades. A very busy world, indeed, no place for the sluggard and drone. Man is the only one of God's creatures that has time to be idle and to find fault with his maker. What a lesson to be learned; those little insects doing their duty, never asking why must they labor, but going right on, never shirking, never complaining, but cheerfully doing their duty.

The birds, the flowers, the trees; all are in this vast whirlpool of industry, even the fish in the little brook are sportive in the sun. I began to feel the influence of the lesson taught, and remembered the words of the world's wisest sage; "Go to the ant, thou sluggard, consider her ways and be wise." So, I turned on my heel and hied me away to my abode where I could dream undisturbed by my troubled conscience and the restlessness of the outside world.

How calm and serene, and with what thankfulness in my heart I felt toward my Creator when I contemplated his care and watchfulness over all his works. Often in the busy marts of trade my mind wandered back to those days in the woods, and a calm and peacefulness stole over me that no other thought could give, and I determined in my mind then, that when old age should come, I would end my days on earth surrounded by just such scenes.

Yours truly,
(Spirit) Washington Irving.

To the uninitiated the world seems to them just a place in which to live, not much worth taking account of, but a very good place when things go right, but a very disagreeable place when their wills are crossed. They stumble blindly along, never thinking of the beauties to be seen, nor the knowledge to be gleaned by searching for the hidden treasures in its storehouse of learning.

They go into the bowels of the earth for their fuel and gold; they scale the dizzy heights of the mountains, they cross the seas of water and sand, and come no nearer the truth, for they are searching in vain for peace. The prophet of old said: "Search the Scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life." But I say, "Search your own soul." Get acquainted with yourself, and the God of eternity will reveal himself to you, and your understanding will be enlightened and all things whatsoever ye ask shall be yours.

You need not wait until the judgment day to come into your kingdom, for your kingdom is within and only waiting for you to come into your own. These things can not be told to babes and weaklings, but unto them that are enlightened.

By diligent study and perseverance, and not by prayer and fasting, are such things to be gained. Prayer is all right, as far as it goes, but prayer alone cannot save you. *Practice* and not *precept* is what the world needs. You have precept enough for all. How few practice the good that they know, even to the best.

But you will find them more and more coming into these truths. There is a great awakening on these matters and we are being stormed by inquiries by those seeking knowledge, and it is a great source of pleasure for us to be able to answer those questions so easily as we are doing today.

You are the medium through which we are working for the enlightenment of those that surround you; and as the candle throws its gleam out into the darkened night, so your light shines into darkened homes and cheers by its presence. So let your light shine, for you know not how far it may extend, even up to the pearly gates, it may lead some benighted traveler.

Yours in love, truth and righteousness,
(Spirit) Washington Irving.

Storms may arrive on life's tempestuous seas, but ever do we know there is a pilot at the helm whose steady hand will ever guide us into the harbor.

Arising out of our difficulties I see a white-robed figure of Victory. Necessity is the mother of invention, they say, but I say the wise man invents before the necessity arises.

The wise Book asks: "What will a man give in exchange for his soul?" The people of the latter days seem to be answering that question by asking another: "What

wouldn't a man give in exchange for his soul?" Those in the higher states of mortal life, those in the lower avenues, all seem tending to one purpose—the aggrandizement of self.

Spendthrifts with the blessings of life, recognizing good in nothing but that which enriches them in the material things of the world, caring nothing for the spiritual, for the beautiful and holy. It is like one discarding the beautiful lily and caring for the bulb. When you try to show them the beauties of the lily they laugh and say: I am satisfied just now with the practical; after awhile, when I have my fortune made and no business cares, I will enjoy and then cultivate the beautiful. But how many ever reach that state and are able then to comprehend or receive into their hearts the lessons taught? Age hardens the heart, benumbs the sensibilities, and when they wish to grasp the knowledge held out to them they are unable to receive it. Knowing, then, how ought one regulate their lives so that there would be time for those things and in after-life they may look back on time well spent, cultivate virtue, such knowledge resist not the truth, and, above all, keep yourself unspotted from the world.

Yours in peace,
(Spirit) Andrew Jackson.

. . . O, thou all-powerful preserver, we beseech thee to come among us, and endow us with knowledge from on high.

Remember us in our weakness. Grant pardon for our many transgressions, and when we cross the river of Death, be thou our life and sustenance. Most Holy One, to thee we bow in submission. Receive our praise for thy everlasting mercies; and grant, Father, that our prayers may be answered. To thy name be the honor and the glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Friends, countrymen, fellow-citizens: I come to you not to make a flowery speech, but to give you a heartfelt talk, as one brother to another. I heartily endorse your action in this affair, for the thirsty ground is longing for the rain, and unless it be well watered it can not bring forth a bountiful harvest. Now is the time to strike, now while the iron is hot. You have commenced, let others follow in your footsteps, and you can have a glorious upheaval in the interest of Spiritualism. I want to tell you that the spirits are keeping close watch over mortals' actions, and one can rely on them at all times and all places to forward and help in any movement that will be for the betterment of mankind.

(Spirit) John A. Logan.

In the innermost recesses of your heart there lurks a doubt as to our reality, but, my dear friends, we are as real as you, and because we do not materialize to the mortal eye you still doubt us. But when your spiritual vision can penetrate beyond the veil, you will see us in spirit and in truth. You know the human eye can easily be deceived, but the spiritual eye never. We are disenthralled with the mortal body and can consequently roam through space at our will; time is for us no more, for all is present, no past, no future, but ever-living present. How glorious it is to feel yourself unburdened from the load of life that sometimes seemed to weigh you down.

Nowhere in the vast universe of God shall we meet our old troubles again; they came, they taught us our lesson, and now we are free—free as the birds of the air, and with them can sing praises to the God who created us; for create us He did, and nothing ever came by chance. Back of the least of God's creatures there is a thought involved. Those who say that "all things came by chance" are just exposing their ignorance and show how little they understand the place in which they live and the Being that gave them life. Of all the great mysteries, the mysteries of life and death the greatest. He who would penetrate this mysterious vale must look with a knowing eye and delve deep in the knowledge that has been vouchsafed to mankind and not at the beginning, because he cannot understand it. Give up and say "it just happened," and there is no law or sense to the whole matter. Nature is just another name for God. You see the effect and call it nature; we know the cause and call it God, and only those that are very ignorant indeed dare dispute His reality. Ignorance is one of the greatest crimes we have to contend with. Were ignorance and superstition abolished there would be more hope of the millennium.

But so long as we have to put forth our main efforts to dispel these overhanging clouds, just so long will spiritual light be long in penetrating their darkened minds; consequently we are handicapped in our efforts to raise them above their worldly blindness. It grieves us to see those that might be a shining light in the world give themselves over to the powers of darkness for fear of criticism from those who are standing in their own light and would shut out the light from others; but though we have all these things to contend with, we find faithful ones like you that are ever on the lookout for a chance message to give to the world for its betterment and for the unfoldment of spiritual powers. You may think it a little thing to sit in a seance and give us your time and power, but every time you do it you are bridging the chasm between the spiritual and mortal worlds, making it stronger for us to pass over to you and cultivating your own powers, so that when the time comes for you to pass over to the "great unknown" its mysteries will be to you as an open book, read and understood, and you will be able to take your place at the head instead of at the foot of the class. Now that I have come again, I will finish and give place to others anxious to come to you. I will be with you always, even unto the end.

Your loving friend,

(Spirit) Washington Irving.

SHORT ADDRESS

(From a Spirit, Through a Medium)

My eyes are capable of seeing out into the future, and I discern a greater spiritual unfoldment amongst the human family; I observe greater interest in the subject of Spiritualism, and I know that it will universally become a household topic. Men and women who today are not interested will become so tomorrow, and generation after generation to succeed the present will all come under the birthright of the spiritual more than the material, and children will be born with phases of psychic powers in some form or other noticeable and detectable by the parents. So the ages to succeed the present all indicate the spiritual revelations and spiritual unfoldment of this great eternal, everlasting truth of knowing THERE IS NO DEATH AND THERE ARE NO DEAD. Sometimes you will encounter people who scoff

and jeer; oftentimes they who deny and they who disclaim know nothing about it at all. This is not the fault of the spirit that dwelleth in that individual, it is the fault wholly and solely of the conscious mind of the individual who will not break down the barrier which is like a padlocked cage in which the mind must dwell in the threadbare center of the anatomy. Let us get away from the old idea and let us come into the broadened universal concept of things that really are, things that seem feasible, things that look logical and things that actually can be. Now, we know there is reason in this statement: A physical body is only a physical body, and there must be something greater than it living in it to keep it alive. Science proves to us that that something that lives in it is the individual himself or herself, and it is THE SPIRIT. You also find from closer analysis that the physical body is just a composite force made of blood, bone, lime, arteries and certain magnetisms; but we know that the physical body is an anatomy and that the anatomy is kept alive and kept together, cemented into form by the spirit which holds it together just as the framework of a building holds together the brick and stone, so the body is but a frame, and the spirit inside cements it; the body moves about, gesticulates, navigates because of the dynamic force of self that lives in it; when life moves out the cement is taken away. Thus the Bible tells us that dust returneth unto dust; there is nothing there to hold it together, now it has crumbled, and we call it death, but *that which lived in it has arisen* and passed into the spirit world. To me, I do not see anything that can discredit that: I know of no reason for any argument: it is perfectly natural, perfectly human; it is certainly Divine, and coincides with the laws of evolution. It is in the other world that one becomes conscious of the harvest they are deserving of.

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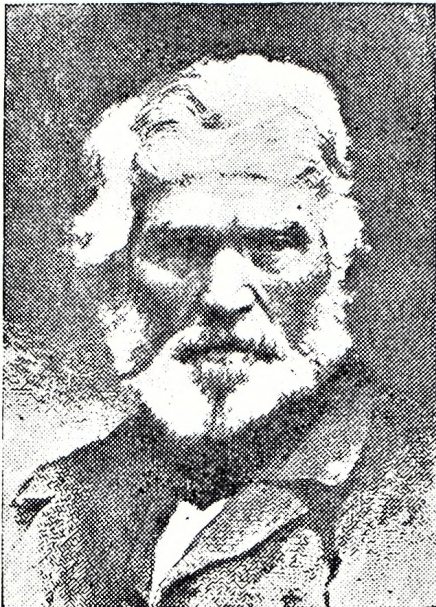
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